A TRVE RE-CITAL OF THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE IN THE COVRT of France, ſince the death of the Marſhall *d' Ancre*, vntill the departure of *the Queene mother from the King.*

WITH,

THE ORATIONS MADE VNTO THE King by his chiefe Officers, and Courts of Iuſtice, and the Kings Anſweres thereunto.

TOGETHER WITH THE MANNER OF the *Adieu* or farwell betweene the King, and the Queene mother.

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THe King, for the good ſucceſſe of his affaires, and to teſtifie his good Iuſtice towards his ſubiects, hauing cauſed the Marſhall *de Ancre*, his wife, and *Barbin* to be arreſted, vpon the cauſes of the troubles of his kingdome, preſently called his Councell about him: and iudging of what dangerous conſequence it was to haue within his Caſtle of the Louure, ſtrange guards, other then his owne, he diſarmed the guards of the Queene his mother, and entreated her to remain within her ſelfe, and to keepe her houſe. The Mar-

ſhals wife being arreſted after the death of her husband, was conducted vnto that chamber where Monſier the Prince of Conde had been kept, and guarded by certaine Archers of the Corps du Guard; and in the meane time *Le Sieur de Maupeou*, and *Arnault*, ſuperintendants of the treaſurie were appointed to take an Inuentorie of his Iewels, ſtuffe, and papers; who amongſt other precious relicks, haue found certaine bookes of Magick, Virgin parchment, with a great number of Characters; whereupon ſhe was examined by the *le Sieurs Aubry*, and *Caſtille*, maſters of the Requeſts of the Kings houſe. Vpon which examination ſhe was carried to the Baſtille, and there had the haire of her head ſhaued, and preſently commiſſion was granted to the Parliament to make and diſpatch her proceſſe: *Barbin* who was hid within the ſtables of the Queene mother, was taken & brought home, and kept two daies by the archers of the body, whileſt the ſaid commiſſaries made inuentorie and deſcription of his papers, where the ſecret of all the tragedie that ſhould haue bin played was diſcouered, with other things that touched the State and the treaſurie; of the

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which his commiſſarie and agent had giuen aduice: and after the ſaid *Barbin* had bin examined, was carried to the Biſhops fort, where he was but two daies, and ſince conducted to the Baſtile, vntill his proceſſe be ready to bee made by the Court of Parliament, according to the commiſſion that was giuen, by vertue whereof they informed againſt him. As for the Kings mother, being in her chamber, his Maieſty cauſed her incontinently to vnderſtand, that hee was hence forward reſolued to know his owne affaires, and take knowledge of the occurrents of his eſtate: deſiring her not to meddle any more in his eſtate, but leaue the care to him: his Maieſty further prayed her to take it well, to withdraw her ſelfe, and that he would giue order for her departure: moreouer, that ſhe ſhould aſſure her ſelfe that his Maieſtie would honour her alwaies as his mother: which being ſignified, and the Queene remaining in her chamber, thoſe that had charge to conduct her, laboured to accommodate all things for her iourney. The Queene had great deſire to ſee the King before her departure; ſome daies paſſed in going and comming betweene, to

find ſome faire and ſure meanes for this interuiew; the Queene had great deſire to aske the reaſon of this vnexpected change, & to ſhew vnto the King that ſhee neuer had any other end, but his ſeruice, hoping thereby to oblige him to a continuation of hir former authoritie. The Councell on the other ſide, although his Maieſtie had taken an immoueable reſolution, and was therein fortified by the apprehenſion of the hazard hee had formerly run into: Neuertheleſſe the charmes of nature being ſuch, that it is almoſt impoſſible for men to reſiſt, much more ſuch as haue not as yet attained riper yeeres, (the States in generall, and each in particular, deſiring no more to liue vnder the law of a woman).

It was concluded that his Maieſty ſhould ſee this ſaid Lady-mother, in preſence of the Lords of the Councell, and that the ſaid Lady ſhould ſpeak only ſuch words as ſhould be agreed vpon, and that ſhould bee giuen to her in writing; and that the King alſo ſhould anſwere onely that which was concluded vpon. In the meane time it was reſolued that the Princeſſes, and ſome Ladies of the Court ſhould haue leaue to ſee the ſaid Queene-

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The King then aſſigned the third day of May for the departure of the Queene his mother, and alſo for his owne, and the Queene his wife, to *Boys de Vincennes*; this being noiſed and bruted ouer all Paris, his Maieſty was viſited by all the ſocieties of the ſaid Citie, who attended by Mounſeiur the Duke *de Longueuille*, and a great number of Lords and Gentlemen, receiued the Orations which were made vnto him.

Firſt, the Parliament deputed *Meſſieur de Verdun* the chiefe Preſident, *Doſembray*, and *l'Eſcalopier*, Preſidents, and *Mortier*, *Courtin*, *Pelletier*, and other Counſellors, who being arriued at the Louure, in the Counſel chãber, where his Maieſty was ſitting with the reſt of the Lords of his Counſell.

The ſaid chiefe Preſident ſpeaking in the name of all the Companie praiſed wonderfully his Maieſty, for his great courage, for his prudence and good iuſtice, deteſting with great vehemencie the memorie of the Marqueſſe *d' Ancre*, the actions of his wife, their ill deſignes and gouernment.

Shewing that the Queene-mother being

of her owne nature good and well affectio-nated to the good of the King, and of the State, had been abuſed by vnknowne Magi-call arts; that the ſimplicity of their ſexe had been ſurpriſed and deceiued by the ſubtilty of thoſe deceitfull ſpirits; that it was excuſable in a woman, as much as it was puniſhable in a man; and that it was a thing greatly to be pi-tied, to ſee that ſuch a Princeſſe ſhould be car-ried away by people of no worth; that the death of the Marqueſſe was the more praiſe-worthie, by how much the more it was moſt neceſſarie; that his Maieſtie had gotten im-mortall glory, for ſo cauſing himſelfe to bee knowne a King and Maſter; that the Court had charged him to aſſure his Maieſtie of their hũble ſeruices, each one in their particular, & of their fidelity; that hauing vnderſtood of his departure, they rendred themſelues before him, to receiue the honour of his commande-ments, and to know what they ſhould doe in his abſence. After this hee approched and ſpake ſomewhat lower, of other affaires, as it is ſuppoſed, concerning ſome declaration a-bout the Princes; and the Proceſſe of the ſaid Marſhall, his wife, and *Barbin*.

His Maiesty hauing heard the Oration, answered, that although hee was not bound to render an account of his actions to his subiects; neuertheleſſe hee desired to giue them light of that which had lately passed, which he wished to make known to his Parliament. It is long since (said his Maiesty) that I haue perceiued the disorders, into which the insolence of the Marqueſſe *d' Ancre* hath plunged my estate by his vnmeasurable ambition, and by the oppressions which my people haue suffered; and of the purpose hee had to exterminate the Princes, and to enterprize vpon my person, and vpon my brother of Orleans: I had hitherto dissembled it, esteeming that my patience, hauing complained oft times to the Queene my mother, might haue diuerted and contained them within the limits of their dutie: notwithstanding this, and against my faith giuen, after the peace of *Loudan*, hee caused my cousin the Prince of Condye to be imprisoned, chased the other Princes, caused me violently to go to my Parliament to declare them guiltie, the Queene my mother forcing me to it: I carried it with impatiencie, and did signifie as much vnto

him, but the Marqueſſe ceaſing not for all this to continue his firſt actions, addreſſed an armie againſt my couſin *de Longueuille*, who was imployed in my ſeruice at Peron, by his preſence hindring the ſtrangers, which the ſaid Marqueſſe had commanded to enter, from the poſſeſſion of that place; after this he wēt into Normādy, ceazed on the beſt places; ſet Garriſons vnknowne to me; people of his own faction, the moſt part ſtrangers, fortified *Quillebeuf* againſt my wil, & the cōmand of the Parliament of Roan; wrōged my Nobility, & al the officers prepared armies to oppreſſe the Princes; one againſt my couſin the Duke of Neuers; the other againſt my brother of Vendoſme, and againſt my couſin de Mayen: againſt whoſe life hee plotted an enterprize: armed ſtrangers, and cauſed to enter into my kingdome 3500, Wallons of Liegeois, for the ſafety of his priuate perſon, all the which hee payed vpon my expences, and my peoples; behauing himſelfe as Soueraigne King, was alwaies followed and accompanied better then my ſelfe; hauing been ſo bold as to take the Suiſzers of my guard, & to cloth thē with his own liueries to keep guard, and hath

robbed my treasurie, & giuẽ my farms to whõ he thought good, for such a price as he would himselfe; hath engaged the taxes of Normandie, and out of my moneys payd the Pensionaries that he kept about him. Since the death of the King my father he hath drawne of that my treasury we laid vp, twelue or fifteene millions of pounds: and at his death there was found within the pockets of his hose a ticket for nineteene hundred, seuentie three thousand pounds to be assigned to *Bedeau*, *Camus* and other his complices. I had notwithstanding couered all this, and many other things which are too long to tell you; as the expulsion of my ancient Officers, who had serued the deceased King my father, to put his creatures in their places; and forced my selfe to counterfeit the childe, vntill I was aduertised and assured hee had plotted against my owne person, and had made a scrole of sixtie or eightie of my principall seruants and Officers whom he would haue murthered, which I haue now in my custodie; as also another of the names of them, whom he would haue chased out of my kingdome, wherein was com-

prized a part of my Parliament: then for the neceſſitie of my eſtate and perſon, I cauſed him to be arreſted, intending to haue giuen him vp into your hands to haue had iuſtice executed on him; but his inſolencie hauing cauſed him to forget his duty, and deſpiſe my commandements; without reſpect hauing put hand to his ſword within our Court againſt Mounſier *Vitry*, he was ſlaine, whereof I am not much ſorry, but only that you could not proceede in Iuſtice againſt him, as I deſired; but I will haue youmake Proceſſe on his dead body, and againſt his wife and *Barbin*, about one of which hath been found characters to worke my death, and to hold my mother alwaies tied to her will: the other was author of al thoſe bad counſels that we haue ſeene effected. Whereupon I haue made you out a ſpeedie Commiſsion, with reuocation of the declaration that you had ratified againſt the Princes; I haue ſent for them, and they haue done nothing but for the neceſsitie of my ſeruice, and ſauegard of their owne liues; you ſee their obedience and affections by their ready returne; goe and doe your charges, and

remember I am your King, I will maintaine you alwaies, and will haue care of you; ſerue me well, I will be your good King.

The Deputies after theſe words retired, and incontinently entred Monſieur *Nicolly* chiefe Preſident of the chamber of Accompts, aſſiſted by many Officers thereof; who after due ſalutatiõs to the King, ſpake ſoftly almoſt the ſame in ſubſtance as the ſaid L. Sieur *de Verdun*; then he ſpake ſomething concerning diſorders in the Treaſurie, and intreated his Maieſtie to prouide ſome remedie againſt it. His Maieſtie ſaid to him, that hee tooke in good part the teſtimonie of his affection and the ſaid Chamber for the good of his ſeruice; and that hee would haue care to maintaine it, and that they ſhould doe their dutie as they had done hitherto; that hee knew that in the ſaid Chamber there were Officers, which were Penſioners to the Marquiſe; that he would forget what was paſſed: but he deſired, that hereafter his Officers ſhould be ingaged to none other then to himſelfe; that he ſaid theſe things to them, to the end they might make them known to their company; that he would giue order to his Councell, that the abuſes that had

crept into his affaires ſhould be remedied by good aduice & counſell: moreouer concerning that which paſſed vpon the death of the Marquiſe *d'Ancre*, he had cauſed his will to be knowne to the aſſembly of his Parlament.

As ſoone as the Officers of the chamber of Accompts went out, there entred the Officers of the Court of Aides, compoſed of Monſieur Cheuallier chiefe Preſident, and other Preſidents and Counſellors; who being come neere his Maieſtie, the ſaid Lord Cheuallier ſpake in ſuch ſort, that he was admired of al there preſent: firſt praiſing that action of his Maieſtie, his reſolution and courage; he complained of the griefe the King had had ſo long to hide his good motions, and praiſed God who had preſerued him from ſo many perils and hazards, into which the Marquiſe *d'Ancre* would haue caſt him; that one might eaſily iudge that hee onely was the cauſe of all the trouble of France, ſeeing that as ſoone as he was dead, peace was made; and that the death of one only man hath preſerued the life of 100000, that ſhould haue died in theſe commotions; and inuited the Princes and Lords, and all France to pray to God for his Maieſtie, and neuer to

depart from his ſeruice: as for themſelues in particular, they did proteſt they would dye a thouſand deaths, rather then they would faile in their fidelitie and ſeruice.

The ſaid Sieur Preſident exaggerated his diſcourſe with ſo many faire words, vttered it with ſuch a graue and great authoritie, that hee was admired: neither is this glorie to bee enuied him, ſeeing he is one of the moſt compleat & ſufficient mē of this age. His Maieſtie teſtified what great contentment he receiued, and what a ſpeciall affection he bare to the ſaid Sieur Preſident Cheuallier, whom hee acknowledged to haue no other end but his ſeruice; and commanded them to continue in their fealtie and to diſcharge their places.

The Clergy came thither alſo, and the Prouoſt of the Merchants followed, who alſo brought the King like content, as the others did. And becauſe the houre of departure approched, his ſaid Maieſtie aſſiſted with Meſſieurs de Syllery Chancellor of France & Nauarre, *du Vair* Keeper of the Seales, *de Villeroy*, *de Geſures*, *Janin*, and a few other, went to the Queene his mother to take his leaue, clothed

in a white doublet, skarlet hoſe, and boots on his legs, he entred into her chamber, and drawing neere to her, he ſaid: Madame, I come hither to take my leaue of you, and to aſſure you that I will haue a care of you as of my mother; I haue deſired to eaſe you of the paine you haue taken in my buſineſſes, it is time you ſhould reſt you, and that I ſhould vndertake them. My reſolution is to ſuffer none but my ſelfe to commaund in my kingdom, I am King at this preſent, and ſo will ſtill be. I haue giuen order for al things neceſſary for your voiage, and commanded *Curee* to accompanie you, you ſhall heare further from me when you come to Blois. Adiew Madame, loue me as your ſonne, and I will be a good ſonne to you.

She making great obeyſance, with teares in her eyes, ſpake ſome words concerning the care ſhe had had of his perſon and affaires during her Regencie; ſhe praied his Maieſtie to remember her pains and trauailes, and that ſhe was his mother. Thus deſirous to haue continued her diſcourſe, and to haue demanded a reaſon of that which was paſſed, his

Maieſtie

Maieſtie kiſſed her, and with great reuerence tooke leaue of her, and retired with his ſaid Counſell.

His Maieſtie returning to his chamber, went into his wiues chamber, and there dined with her, ſhewing ſo cheerefull and royall a countenance, as was neuer ſeene before.

The Queene mother haſtened her dinner in the meane time, and incontinently tooke her Coach, and with her followers went out of the Court, all blubbered with weeping.

The King and the Queene were at the windowes, and ſtirred not thence till all the traine was gone.

Soone after the King and Queene tooke their Coach, accompanied with the ſaid Sieur *d Longueuille*, and a great number of Nobles, and went to Vincennes, where the Princes met them, with Monſieur the Preſident *le Jay*, to teſtifie their obedience to his Maieſtie, from whom they receiued all contentment.

The Queene mother went out of Paris with much company, ſhe had all her officers and her ordinary traine, the company of her Guards, and the Kings light Horſemen; all

the Princes and Ladies of the Court, and many of the Citie conducted her two or three miles, the ſtreetes of Paris were full of people to ſee her paſſe by.

But this departure of the Queene mother following that action ſo freſh in memorie, which had giuen ſuch contentment to the people, it could not be diſcerned that any one in the towne was diſpleaſed for the abſence of the ſaid Lady; not that ſhe was not bewailed, but becauſe the ioy of the former action ſmothered the preſent griefe. This thus paſſed, there were nothing elſe but aggrauations againſt the memorie of the Marquiſe *d'Ancre* and his wife, as the only authors of theſe troubles of France. And thus haue you in briefe the ſumme of al that is hitherto paſt.

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